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It will be unnecessary for the republican national convention to formulate a platform. The dollar mark represents the whole cheese.

We may expect to hear that the campaign in the Philippines has been resumed with vigor, when General Otis receives the fifty additional typewriters for which he has made requisition.

PHOENIX continues to extend the glad hand to the invalid—out of consideration, no doubt, to the boarding house keeper, doctor and undertaker—and then clinches the hectic consumptive who sits on the sidewalk.

AND now Senator Beveridge's speech is being freely circulated among the Filipinos to expose the mercenary motive of the Washington administration in prosecuting the war. Yet we hear of no charge against the youthful senator from Indiana for aiding and abetting the insurgents.

We acknowledge the receipt from Governor N. O. Murphy of a copy of his report to the secretary of the interior, which has just been issued from the government printing office. It is a voluminous document of 255 pages, and is the most complete and effective report on Arizona ever issued. The illustrations are many and very fine. A valuable supplement to the report is a new map of Arizona, probably the best one yet published. The only defect in the report, noticed in a hasty examination, is the omission of an index.

Those republicans who are expressing so much satisfaction over the announcement that Congressman Joseph C. Sibley has forsaken the democracy and is giving his voice and vote to strengthen the majority in the house, are evidently not acquainted with Sibley's variegated political history. He has run the gamut of political isms from middle-of-the-road populism to republican-goldbugism—everything by starts and nothing long. His latest flop is credited to a compact with Quay, who in the event of failure to secure a seat in the senate, has promised to support Sibley for the place.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN will be forty years of age on Monday next, March 19. We believe we are correct in the statement that no man in public life, in the history of the United States, ever attained to such prominence, or stood as high in the estimation of the masses, at the age when Mr. Bryan was nominated for the presidency in 1896. Since that time Mr. Bryan as a private citizen, has wielded more influence in shaping public opinion than any American living. He has overcome opposition in his own party and at the same time gained influential adherents from the ranks of the republican party in the east. Mr. Bryan's nomination at Kansas City on July 4 next is a foregone conclusion, and if the rank and file of the democracy remain true to their principles, Mr. Bryan will be elected president in November.

THE fact that ex-President Benjamin Harrison has expressed himself as opposed to the Porto Rican tariff has given rise to the rumor that he aspires to the presidency. This Mr. Harrison emphatically denies, and asserts positively that he has no intention of again entering politics. The disclaimer is unnecessary, as opposition to McKinley's administration is not to be considered seriously in these days of party subservience. Nevertheless, there is a respectable and influential minority in the republican party that would be delighted to see Harrison enter the lists against the president. It is generally admitted that Benjamin Harrison is a much abler man than William McKinley. He is a statesman of marked individuality and strength of character, while the president is a politician, vacillating and pliable, who holds party expediency above national honor and the welfare of the masses. Mr. Harrison's decision to hold aloof from politics at the present time, is wisely taken, as the republican party's chances in the next election are, to say the least, precarious.

INSPECTION AND HIDE-TAGGING LAW.

In the decision rendered in the case of M. Rosenberg, plaintiff, versus The Maricopa, Phoenix & Salt River Railroad Co., defendant, it appears that Judge Webster Street has so enfolded the live-stock code, commonly known as the "bull-tick" law, that now it is only a thing of threads and patches. The suit against the railroad company was a friendly action brought by the butchers of Phoenix to test the validity of the inspection and hide-tagging law, which the judge has succeeded in completely demolishing, revealing inconsistencies which render the whole law void.

The law compels the inspection of cattle and tagging of the hides when the animals are slaughtered for sale in the respective districts; but there is nothing in it to require inspection and tagging when the meat is shipped to some other town. Again, any person not regularly engaged in carrying on the business of slaughtering cattle at some known and established slaughter place within four miles of some city, town or village, who shall slaughter cattle on their ranches or elsewhere, shall, before offering the meat for sale, take such meat, together with the hide, to a regularly appointed inspector and have the hide inspected and tagged. If not offered for sale, it should be noted, it is not required that the hide be tagged, the preservation of the hide for twenty-one days, free to the inspection of all persons, being all that is necessary. Consequently, when hides are collected for shipment there may be some tagged and others without tags, and yet the law may have been in every instance complied with.

But what about the railroad's obligation? The section of the act controlling them reads: "It shall be unlawful for any railroad company to receive for transportation any hides until the same shall have been inspected and tagged as provided in this act." Consequently the railroad is forbidden from carrying untagged hides, although cattle may have been killed by ranchers for their own use, died or been crippled and killed, or, in fact, hides which have been shipped into the territory. The law is discriminating in that it is made to apply to railroads and not other common carriers.

Judge Street concludes his opinion: "So I regard this law as discriminating against the plaintiff, in that if he has hides that are not tagged and do not need to be tagged under the statute, he has a right to demand of the railroad company that it carry them for him. That is his right and the railroad company is bound to carry them for him; and yet the railroad company is met on the threshold by a statute which says if they do it they are liable to a fine. Next, the law is not valid as against the railroad company, because it singles it out as the one class of common carriers affected."

Upper Tonto.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Prospectors are passing through here every day enroute for the Gun creek district; judging from the amount of supplies each one carries, it looks as though he was going to stay until he struck it rich.

Mr. Sandridge, who has an option on the Gowan & Pranty property, made a flying trip to Payson last Friday.

E. A. Sawyer came over from the Eric on the 7th inst.

P. G. Ellison is in Pleasant valley this week.

Mr. Robbins and son, old residents of this place, but now of Mesa, came into camp Wednesday evening. Mr. R. still has considerable cattle interest here. He informs us that the water supply in the valley is quite short and that ranches have had their water supply cut off.

L. P. Cole and D. M. Gilleland are transacting business in Payson today.

Miss May Heron returned to her home at Rim Rock, after spending a few days with Mrs. L. P. Cole.

Mrs. Frank Hendershott of Rim Rock, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Grandma Haught.

The dance given at the school house last Friday night was quite a success. A number from a distance attended.

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Territorial Democratic Convention.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., March 12, 1900.

A territorial democratic convention is hereby called to meet in Phoenix, on the 23d day of May, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. to elect six delegates to the National convention, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on the 4th day of July, A. D. 1900.

In accordance with the recommendation of the National Democratic Committee: "All democratic conservative reform citizens of the territory, irrespective of past political association or differences, who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and constitutional government, and who favor a republic and oppose the empire, are cordially invited to join with us in sending delegates to the convention."

The county committees of the several counties are directed either by apportionment or by primaries, to select delegates as follows: One for each 50 votes or major fraction thereof, cast for the Hon. J. F. Wilson, for delegate to congress, at the last territorial election.

Below is given the vote by county, and the number of delegates each county as they now exist is entitled to send to the territorial convention:

COUNTIES	WILSON VOTE	NO. DELEG.
Apache	221	4
Cochise	711	14
Cocconino	350	7
Gila	634	13
Graham	871	17
Maricopa	1671	33
Mohave	474	9
Navajo	286	6
Pima	545	11
Pinal	259	5
Santa Cruz	212	4
Yavapai	1719	34
Yuma	259	5

Total.....8212 162

T. E. FAKSH,
Chairman, Territorial Democratic
Convention Committee.
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The act of the last legislature to codify the live-stock laws appears to have been only a fool.

Methodist Episcopal church, near the court house: E. O. McIntire, pastor. From Jan. 1st till April 1st, meetings as follows:—Public worship and sermon, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; young people's devotional meeting, 6:30 p. m. Midweek prayer-meeting Thursday night at 7:30. Aftermeetings for prayer and conference both morning and evening of each Sunday. The pastor will visit the sick and attend funerals. Residence, parsonage, opposite the church.

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